

# The MUZZLEBLAST



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## The Conventional Corner

by Bob H.

First, I have never written an article before. Nevertheless, after reading the last months Muzzle Blast, I thought I would try. What is the worst thing that can happen? Its not published, get kicked out of the club, or people could just look at me in a strange way, they do that anyway. However, I thought I would try to write about casting bullets.

You might ask, "Why cast your own bullets when you can buy lead bullets ready for loading?" You can buy bullets that are good bullets, and they do not cost much. Casting bullets is very time consuming. I do not think that you will save money by casting. The answer to the question why cast is "Pride in something you have made." I do cast for my 45 ACP and I take pride in my bullets. I started casting a long time ago when casting was the only way to go for a conventional pistol shooter. I got out of shooting in 1991 and many things have changed since then. I have been a member of Gateway for about 8 months and have started shooting the monthly NRA 1800 matches. We have a good thing going at Gateway because of the diversity of shooting disciplines that are available at the club. This article is about the 185-grain semi-wad cutter. A light target load that is very accurate. Remember casting is casting and for the most part, it is the same. This method should work on 45ACP, 38's, muzzleloaders, and other bullets, provided the velocity stays under 1000 FPS. I am not talking about rifle or magnum bullets where you have to use a gas check.

You start to cast by going to the local tire repair center and having your tires rotated. While you are there, ask if you can have some wheel weights, or you can buy some. Try to get a 5-gallon bucket about half or three quarters full. The first problem you will encounter is trying to pick up a 5-gallon bucket three quarters full of wheel weights. They are heavy! There are many ways to get lead. I personally like wheel weights. Whatever type of lead you use, the process is about the same. Let me stop here and say the only way to heat lead is OUTDOORS (very well ventilated).

Another thing to remember is that water will splatter lead when it is mol-

ten. There are other dangers when melting lead. Please be careful. Now, lets gather our other tools together and process the lead. You will need a Coleman stove, one-pound ingot mold, paraffin wax, a pair of welders gloves, big set of pliers, empty coffee can and a sturdy out-door table to start with. I use a picnic table. Next, give the wife the checkbook and tell her to go shopping because we will need to get into the kitchen! After the wife has gone (with the checkbook), you will need a knife, a big handled spoon, ice thongs, and an eight or nine inch iron frying pan.

Set up the Coleman stove, place the cast iron frying pan on the stove, place the lead in the frying pan and let it melt. As the lead is melting, get the ingot mold ready. I like to place the ingot mold just below the stove, i.e. have the stove on the tabletop and the mold on the stool. When the lead comes into a molten state, take the spoon and get the tire clips out of the lead, and put them into the coffee can. If you drop a clip use the ice thongs, remember the clips are hot. When you have removed the clips, and the lead is in a molten state, continue to stir the lead with the spoon to clean the lead. Once the lead is clean, take the knife and slice off a small amount of paraffin wax and put in into the molten lead. Watch it because the wax should catch on fire. Take the spoon and stir the lead. This accomplishes two things. First, it cleans the lead further and fluxes it at the same time. Once the fire is exhausted, continue to clean the lead with the spoon. Take the frying pan with the gloves and pliers, insuring a good grip and pour the lead into the ingot mold. Let the lead cool, and with the pliers take the lead out of the ingot mold. You should have some good-looking one-pound bars of lead. You do not have to process the lead you can go right to casting, I do process it because the lead is in the one pound bars and I can store them and they do not look as bad as the wheel weights.

The tools that you will need to case bullets are the same as the processing plus: A mold, furnace, or ladle, rubber tip 8oz. hammer, and a sizer/lubricator, a couple of old towels, and some type container to put the bullets in. Lets talk about the mold and sizer/lubricator. They have to be teamed up. I use a four

cavity HG 130 mold. It cast bullets with a bullet diameter of .452, and has a single grease grove. The sizer/lubricator is a Star that has a sizing die of .451, and a single grease grove. You want to cast the bullet a little larger than the sizing die. Set up everything as you did in the processing. Take the towels, fold them, and have them in two different locations on the table, near the furnace. Set up the furnace (if you have one) and plug it in. It will take some time for it to come up to temperature. Lets talk about temperature. It can be from about 600 to 900 degrees. You do not want to case with temperatures above a thousand due to lead poison. I was informed that you do not have to worry about it until you get up to 1100 to 1200 degrees, but that information is over 20 years old. If you are worried about it check before you start with a chemist/doctor. Also, keep kids and pregnant women away from your casting area. The wife should be shopping with your checkbook anyway. As the furnace is coming up to temperature, start some lead bars in the frying pan and place the mold next to the frying pan to where the mold touches the frying pan. This will start the mold on its way to coming up to casting temperature. My furnace when I start to cast has very little lead in it. That way it will melt the lead faster. When the lead is molten in the frying pan re flux the lead with the paraffin wax, clean the lead one more time, and fill up the furnace from the frying pan. Now we are ready to start to cast. The best furnace to get is one with a mold guide and bottom spout. Fill up the mold, open the spew cutter with the rubber hammer, and drop the bullets on one of the towels. It will take some time and a few castings before you get good bullets. At first, the bullets can have lines on them and some may not be fully formed. Once the mold has reached the right temperature, the bullets will be formed, no lines, and can be lightly frosted. Once the furnace needs more lead, take the towel with the bullets on it and place it where the bullets can cool. Exchange towels, reflux the lead, fill up the furnace, and cast some more. When you fill up the furnace the next time, take the cooled bullets and place them in the container, and use the towel for your next round of casting.

You are now ready to size and lube the bullets, unless you are a muzzle-loader.

You may also want to use a micrometer before and after the bullets go through the sizer/lubricator. Care and cleaning of the mold is easy. After it has cooled down, I just spray it with WD40 and put it in a plastic bag. To clean it before casting I use acetone, and wipe it down to get the oil off it. That is where my lines come from when I start to cast. The only other thing that comes to mind is a straight razor blade. I use it when I am casting in case the spew cutter or the top of the mold gets a build up of lead. I just scrape the lead off with the razor blade. I will see you around the range and remember, never put a target on upside down. It confuses the bullet in its flight to the target.

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### Minutes of January 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

By Thomas A. Beattie Sr.

#### Officer Reports:

**President:** Bill Craig stated that the adjenda would be more detailed. He intends to go by Roberts Rules of order and will follow the agenda. He wants to eliminate the cross talk and endless discussions. He will now allow the guests that want to address the Board to speak at the beginning of the meeting so the guest will not have to sit thru the whole meeting. Brian Kennedy presented a plaque to Gateway on behalf of the Marine Corp League for allowing the League to hold their Garand matches at the Club. A plaque was also presented to Marion Estes for his help at the matches. There were two complaints made to the President last month. One concerned a problem during the three gun match. Wells will look into this matter. Another complaint was made about a member using profane language. Marion Estes will look into this matter. Craig also put an ad in the Muzzleblast for maintance, store and range officer help.

**Secretary:** Thomas Beattie Minutes of the December meeting were presented to the Board. No questions or comments. Accepted by the Board.

**Treasurer:** Thomas Beattie November check register and Profit/Loss Statement were presented to the Board. Accepted by Board

**Club Manager:** Brenda Trickler Life membership 362, annual membership 2332, Endowment 3 Total 2,789

#### Old Business

A. New 100 yard rifle line Craig

There is a problem with bullets coming over the berm from the 25/50 yard line onto the new range. Eyebrows need to be installed. This project will be completed as soon as possible but the range will be opened as soon as the baffles are installed.

B. Store vending machines Craig

A new vending machine for cold drinks will be installed in the Club's store. Coke will supply the machine at no cost. This will be more convenient for members who just want a cold drink and who don't want to stand in line. Other machines will be installed for snacks and other small items also.

C. Answering system Craig

An answering system will be installed on the Club's phone system to help out the store personnel during the busy times. It will be set up to give information as in directions, operation hours, matches, ect.

D. Public Relation Position Craig

At present there are two people who have said that they want to fill the position. We will vote next month. This subject was brought up at the last meeting but the position was not open until the first of the year.

#### New business

A. Protection for the existing and new 100 yard line baffles Craig

There is a need for protecting the baffles from damage due to holes being shot into the baffles causing the gravel to leak out. There was a proposal to use metal to protect the bottom six inches of the baffle. This was tabled until next month due to give the Board more time to review the proposal and get other options.

*continued next columns*

## Editor's Remarks

Gee Whiz, I hadn't asked members for articles in the Muzzleblast in a while. It never did much good in the past. WOW, I got replies and articles from no less than three members. This is great. Now we have reading material that is interesting to our members who may be reloaders, shooters, hunters or firearm enthusiasts. I wish to thank all you guys who submitted material. It really makes for a better publication.

The match directors have quit sending in match results. Those reports were only interesting to folk who competed in those disciplines or anticipated doing so.

I welcome more articles on topics related to club activities. I would be really nice to have to cull some for lack of space.

Some of my suggestions for New Years Resolutions have come to fruition. It's now time to enter a competition, take a youngster to the range or enter the Chili Cook-off.

*Submissions for  
 next issue must be in  
 by April 20*

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## HANDLOADING FOR HUNTING

*by Joe LaMarco*

Just to set the record straight from the get-go, I do not claim to be an expert at anything, especially handloading. I only load for my 3 hunting rifles. I do reload pistol rounds, but on a very limited basis. I have never cast a bullet, or reloaded a shotgun shell or blackpowder cartridge. And I am not into any of the competitive shooting sports. Handloading is just something that I enjoy.

#### Why Handload?

Why would you want to handload for your hunting rifles? You can go down to any of several different gunshops, big super sporting goods stores, or even Wal-Mart, and get enough ammo to sight-in and kill a deer for at least 3 seasons with just one box. Why would you want to invest all that time and money to "roll your own"?

The most obvious answer is cost. If you like to shoot, buying factory ammo, even inexpensive stuff, could get expensive if you shoot regularly. I bought a new Ruger 7mm-08 a few months ago in the middle of hunting season, and, wanting to use it, decided to buy a couple of boxes of factory ammo. Ordinary Remington ammo was \$20, and Hornady Light Magnum was \$28! Granted, getting started in handloading will cost a lot more than that, but once the tools are purchased, they will last a long time. A can of powder, a deck of primers, and a box of bullets will set you back around \$40, but you'll get 100 rounds of ammo. Just keep reloading those empty cases you saved from your factory ammo.

Another reason is accuracy. When I started handloading, there was hardly any 'premium' ammo around. Most older guys will tell you nothing could hold a candle to their handloads. Nowadays, you could buy a box off the shelf that you would have a hard time equaling, but this is the exception, not the rule. Because of the inherent differences in all rifles, and the realities of

mass-production, most factory ammo will give only adequate accuracy. You can do a lot better. A lot!

Availability of a variety of loads is another consideration. If you shoot a .30-06, you can find dozens of different factory offerings. If one doesn't shoot well, try another. But what if you just went out and bought a Contender in 7-30 Waters? Only Federal makes it, and it is a flat nose bullet for Model 94's. If you want something better, you have to make it yourself. You can also make up loads that no factory produces. I started with the .30-06, and before too long, I had a 125 grain X-bullet load that was very fast, I think (no chronograph yet), and very accurate. I was that guy with the 7-30 Waters Contender, and had a load with the Sierra 130 grain Single Shot Pistol bullet that gave me a string of 1-shot kills.

Finally, you might just find a new hobby. Handloading appeals to the closet machinist in many of us. You have to love messing with tools that have to be adjusted correctly to operate properly. We enjoy the meticulous. We strive for tight tolerances. And we love to shoot our guns!

You may be the guy with money falling out of his pockets, who has a rifle that shoots Winchester Power Points into æ" and unfailingly slays his deer, and has plenty enough to do with the family, golf, and fishing. And if concentration, attention to detail, and following instructions are not your cup of tea, then handloading might not be for you. For me, I couldn't wipe the grin off my face when I fired my first handload. I couldn't believe it went off! The fact that it completely missed a standard NRA sighting-in target was beside the point...

Next, "What you need to get started."

*BOD Meeting from column 1*

B. Financial Audit Committee Craig

A committee will be formed to audit the Club's financial operation. This will include physical inventory, security, expenditures made by the Club. This will be done in stages. It may take a few months to do a comprehensive audit. Bump will help with the inventory. Randy Erickson, Bruce Wells, Jodie Graves, Lloyd Watkins and Ray Kerbs also volunteered to help.

C. Garand Match Dates Estes

Estes asked for April 29<sup>th</sup> and September 30 for dates to hold the Garand Matches. He will be in working with the Marine Corp League to hold both the Gateway and League at the same time. Approved by Board

**Adjourned at 7:50 PM** Next Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2006

## Traveling with Guns

by John Knight

Since the increase in air travel security some gun owners may be hesitant to travel with their guns. That shouldn't be the case because the rules are simple and easy to follow.

There are three major rules that govern both handguns and long guns: (1) The gun must be unloaded. (2) The gun must be in a locked, hard side case. (3) The gun must be declared to the ticket agent at check in. A declaration certificate will be provided for the traveler to put in the case with the gun.

The long gun case will be checked in and handled as any other checked baggage. The hand gun case should be placed in another piece of luggage along with clothing and then checked as hold baggage. Do not attempt to carry a gun into the passenger cabin. That is against the law and you will be apprehended. All guns must go as checked baggage.

Ammunition may be carried in checked baggage but it must be in a container designed for ammunition. The box it came in is OK as is the plastic boxes used by hand loaders. The pocket

of a shooting vest is not an approved container, nor is a removable magazine or a zip-lock bag. Ammunition found in unapproved containers will be confiscated by TSA. Black powder is a gray area right now. Some airports consider loose powder and percussion caps to be an explosive. To be safe, plan on buying powder and caps at your destination.

There are locks for sale that can be unlocked by master keys held by TSA officers. I recommend those be used for gun cases as well as regular luggage. Your belongings will be secure and you will not have your locks cut or be required to go to the search area to unlock them.

Spear guns, air guns, and paintball guns are not considered firearms but still may not be carried into the passenger cabin. They may be packed in regular luggage and checked without declaration.

Whether you are a hunter, a competitor, or have a carry permit, traveling with your gun is no big mystery or complication.

## FOR SALE

Members may list firearm related articles for sale at no cost. Send your ad to [dbglasscock@comcast.net](mailto:dbglasscock@comcast.net)

**Remington 700 Varmint HB .308** includes one piece Redfield base and 1 inch rings. The rifle has been pillar bedded and comes with a David Tubb titanium firing pin and a very nice 16 oz. Remington trigger. This is an older rifle with the shiny Remington stock. \$550. I'm told these are hard to find. dennis at 389-2782 or email [dbglasscock@comcast.net](mailto:dbglasscock@comcast.net)

Very rare Sterling .380 semi-auto pistol. Very good condition with a 1" barrel. Looks much like a High Standard but heavier. Good shooter and surprisingly accurate. \$250.00 Jim Mangels [emangels@bellsouth.net](mailto:emangels@bellsouth.net)

FOR SALE - RUGER BISLEY VIQAREO, 45 LC CAL., SATIN STAINLESS FINISH, FIXED SIGHTS, ROSEWOOD GRIPS INSTALLED (EXTRA SET OF BLACK PERLITE GRIPS INCLUDED, WITH BOX, 20 ROUNDS PUT THROUGH THE BARREL, LIKE NEW - \$425.00 CASH. CONTACT SAM MARTIN - PHONE 904-899-9476 - 8:00 TO 5:00, 904-264-8545 AFTER - 5:00PM - IF NO ANSWER LEAVE A MESSAGE AND I'LL GET BACK TO YOU

Ruger Single Six "Old Model" .22 LR & .22 Mag Cylinders Excellent Condition \$350 Darrell 291-9395

Ruger Number 1 Standard .270 Win With Simmons Pro Hunter Scope 6-18x40 Excellent Condition \$550 Darrell 291-939

### Want-To-Trade

HK USP Compact 9-mm with 2-mags, factory case, used as off-duty carry gun, shows minor holster wear, very low round count (qualification only) for a Glock model 30 (compact 45ACP) in VG or better condition. contact: Mike Larney (NRA Life/GRPC Life) @ (386) 842-2258 or e-mail: [mikathy@suwanneevalley.net](mailto:mikathy@suwanneevalley.net)

Springfield Loaded model M1A rifle .Only 800 shots fired Max.,not in original stock,light trigger spring installed .check MSRP before calling . selling for 900.00 firm to finance new project.100.00 more include's 5 new Magazines 4 -10 round and 1 -30 round. Sheldon Harris 318-2235

IR 50/50 22 Benchrest  
Bill Smith 904-276-1008,  
work 904-542-2157.

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette  
Chuck Deason 282-9366

IDPA  
Ed Sevetz 272-8484  
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Club 1800 Bullseye  
Randy Erickson 448-3174

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716-7531

**Discipline Directors:** Please contact the club's webmaster to up date your section of the website. The information on it is very old and an embarrassment to the club. If this is not done, I will be forced to remove that discipline section. The web site is now at [www.grpc-jax.com](http://www.grpc-jax.com) and I can be emailed at [webmaster@grpc-jax.com](mailto:webmaster@grpc-jax.com). Thank you from your webmaster, Joe Zullo"

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pickup on  
Feb. 24**

## Schedule of Events

### CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The club will be closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas days each year.

May  
Special Meeting and Chili  
Cook-off/Swap Meet

Sunshine Classic  
April 7,8,9, 2006

Easter April 16  
range closed

Tour de Forts  
April 30

**Please Limit  
Parking in  
front of the  
OFFICE to  
10 minutes**

and wipe your feet

**Send in your  
favorite game  
recipe**

## Concealed Carry Permit Classes

Classes have a revised pricing schedule:

Club Members	\$35.00
Non-members	\$40.00

For information or reservations, call the office at 771-2937

**Required Maintenance WILL  
be performed according to  
this schedule**

Monday 8 AM.-11 AM 100 yard Rifle Range

Tuesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. All Pistol Ranges.

Wednesday 8A.M.- 11A.M. Silhouette Range

Thursday 8A.M.-11 200 yd. Rifle Range

Friday 8A.M.-11 Multi-purpose Ranges

# HANDLOADING FOR HUNTING

By Joe LaMarco

## The Tools you need to get started

One of the biggest pitfalls to getting started in handloading is trying to decide what tools you have to have to get a live round into the chamber. I will try to address this from two positions - the person with plenty of money, and the person on a budget.

The first one is easy - buy the super-deluxe reloading outfit. You will have everything you need, plus several items worth having, though not necessary. Hornady, RCBS, and Lee, to name a few, have a kit in this category. Usually, you pay a discounted price under the cost of buying each item separately. You may not use everything in the kit, and you will certainly need to buy a few items not included. For instance, most kits make you buy a powder measure. This is an item I have, but use very infrequently. It's great for high-volume reloading, but very time-consuming to use for load development. At least one kit includes a powder measure, but not a powder funnel, an item of basic necessity. Another kit gives you a set of 11 shellholders, and I'd bet at least 5 of them will never get even occasional use.

The budget-minded person (like me) will buy his kit piecemeal, based on what he needs. A great advantage to this method is you get to select the brand of each tool you buy. I really like the Hornady Lock-n-Load press for its ease of die changing and its priming system. But I much prefer the RCBS scale. Or you may want to go with an electronic scale, the likes of which range from professional to rinky-dink.

So, here goes my list of what is necessary:

\* Safety Glasses. I only have two eyes, and want to be able to see out of both of them. I also keep reading glasses and a magnifying glass on my bench, but they are optional.

\* A source for load data. Reloading manual. At least one. Do NOT rely solely on a gun magazine article, or your friend, or even me, but especially not some internet chat room or forum! By the way, you will learn more about how to reload from a manual than reading anything I have to say.

\* Reloading press. They all perform the same function. They differ in how they perform it. Buy what suits your pocket. I recommend one that includes a primer seating accessory.

\* Scale. Whether electronic or balance beam, you gotta have one. Has to be accurate to .1 grain.

\* Primer seater. Hopefully, you got a press with this accessory. Otherwise, you'll need this tool.

\* Dies. You need a set for each different caliber you will be loading for. Dies, and how to adjust them, will be the subject of a future article.

\* Dial caliper. One that measures to 1/1000" (.001") is good enough.

\* Shellholder. Some die sets include this. Otherwise, you need one for each different case-head size. Luckily, not an expensive item.

\* Case trimmer. It could be anything from a trim die and a file to a motorized unit. As long as the trimming is done accurately, its OK. This is another caliber-specific item.

\* Small items that I say you need: Case lube. Powder funnel. Primer pocket cleaners. Chamfering tool. Boxes and labels. A 3-ring binder to write everything down in.

There are many items that, while not necessities, are nice to have. Loading blocks, case tumbler, powder trickler, bullet puller, micrometer (.0001"), and a chronograph all will be used on your bench or at the range.

Since we are talking about hunting rifle handloading, I would recommend you do not buy a progressive press, or an automatic powder dispenser, although you can buy presses that can be upgraded to a progressive, and electronic scales that can accept a powder dispenser. Do some research to see what features you like, and buy that brand, with the thought of a later upgrade.

Finally, get acquainted with catalog and online sources for reloading tools and components. Midway, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Natchez, and Midsouth are all companies who sell components and tools. I have been buying from Midway for 15 years, and Cabelas almost as long. Most catalogs are free, or you can visit their websites. Don't forget your local suppliers, including our own shop at GRPC. Gun shows are a great place to pick up bargains. Be aware that mail-order purchases of gunpowder and primers carries a hefty HazMat fee, and some companies will only ship incase quantities. Now you know why powder has gotten so expensive.

If you start out with just the basics, you will have the opportunity to see for yourself what additional items you need. And saving some bucks on reloading tools means - more money for powder, primers, and bullets!

## Just so You Will Know...

### Tactical Pistol Sights Adjustment

You cannot expect to sight your pistol (for those who have adjustable sights) as you would for bull's eye shooting and then go shoot tactical expecting to do well.

Your natural line of sight in a nice and sturdy position for aiming at a bull's eye has nothing in common with your sight adjustment while pressured and on-the-move. The best analogy would be rushing through a dirt road with a limo instead of a pick up truck.

The pistol you carry—or practice with—for tactical purpose should be sighted in the following manner:

Use a standard paper silhouette (IDPA, IPSIC or whichever floats your boat)

At a distance of 7 yards MAXIMUM (I'll explain why in a future article)

Draw from your holster without rushing (avoiding bowling) and fire one single shot at the center of mass under pressure-aiming (still not rushed)

Do it again, and again, until you find your actual comfort speed and pattern. (as you practice speed will come on its own).

You are likely to find out that your tactical sight adjustment requires being substantially off—while consistent—from what your previous adjustment was.

Comment? Questions? E-mail me at id@ContinentalArmy.US

Bernard Martinage

## Forums are Closed

I'm not sure, but I heard that the forums were closed due to misuse, abuse and lack of use. Hey I got a lot of uses in that line. Gateway has in the past has struggled making a web presence. We have a new webmaster. It appears not many of the match directors use our site to help promote their competitions. What's the problem. Are they too busy? Do they need a helper? Posting your up coming competitions to our web site could be a labor saver in the long run. You can link the GRPC site on your emails and save yourself some work. Then maybe the next year folks will think about checking the web for match dates while planning for vacations and time away from home.

I hear match directors complaining about attendance and how to get more shooters involved. Give it a try, you may be surprised.

Many shooting enthusiasts use the world wide web for firearm purchases and information about various shooting topics. I am providing you with a few I use occasionally. Remember Google is your friend.

Here are a some sites I enjoy, We could probably talk our web master into linking some of the more popular sites to our home page.

<http://nra.org/>

<http://www.rimfirecentral.com/forums/>

<http://www.benchrest.com/>

<http://www.gunsamerica.com/>

<http://www.shooters.com>

## Tournament Schedule

The schedule shows the normal dates for the regular matches shot at Gateway. Clip it out and post it on the refrigerator for future reference.

The listings should be good for each month of 2005. For example, a listing of "1st Sunday" means the first Sunday of each month, unless an exception is listed below. The calendar posted in the office is OFFICIAL and may supersede this list. Lloyd Watkins is the club's Chief Instructor and is responsible for all schedules.

Variations in this schedule will be listed in each issue of the Muzzleblast.

Match	Range	When
Club 1800 Bullseye	1	1st Sunday, 9:00 - 1200
Smallbore, Silhouette	4	1st Sunday, 10:00 - 1400
22 Rimfire Benchrest	4	1st Saturday 08 -1300
Highpower Rifle Silhouette	3	1st Saturday 900
IDPA	5	1st Saturday
High Power Rifle XTC	3	2nd Sunday 0800-1100
USPSA/IPSC	5	2nd Saturday
Black Powder	4	2nd Saturday
High Power prone	3	3rd Saturday 0800-1100
N.R.A. 1800 Bullseye	1	3rd Sunday 0900 -1200
Cowboy	5	4th Sunday 0900
Pistol silhouette	4	4th Saturday
Black Powder rifle Silhouette	3	4th Saturday
Action/ICORE	5	4th Saturday
USPSA/SEPSA 3-Gun	5	5th Saturday

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